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“Words Are The Clothing Of Our Thoughts.”
----Jonathan Swift

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In Honor of Michael S. Turrini on the Occasion of his 50th anniversary with the Vallejo Numismatic Society

Scott D. English, Executive Director, American Philatelic Society, Life Member, Vallejo Numismatic Society

The year was 1972. Gas was only \$0.55 a gallon - adjusted for inflation, that's a bargain at \$3.83 a gallon. *M*A*S*H* was the biggest television show, and the Corleone family made it to the big screen in *The Godfather*. Don McLean's tribute to Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper, and Richie Valens had everyone singing, "So bye-bye, Miss American Pie/Drove my Chevy to the levee/But the levee was dry."

That same year, two young men, one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast, started a 50-year journey to make America a better place. In Delaware, a 29-year-old lawyer upset a sitting U.S. Senator to become the junior senator from the Great State of Delaware. That young man would go on to be Vice President of the United States and is now the President.

In Vallejo, California, one Michael S. Turrini ventured into the Vallejo Numismatic Society and decided to join. That young man would join the American Numismatic Society, the Royal Canadian Numismatic Society, Northern California Numismatic Association, where he would dedicate more than forty years as editor of the *NCNA Heads and Tales*. He would also be elected to higher office as he prepares for his fourth term as President of the California State Numismatic Association.

As both Mr. Turrini and I choose to avoid the subject of politics, I'll end the comparison there. However, Michael would have my vote for President at any level.

His commitment to the Vallejo Numismatic Society is marked by more than just time. He is a tireless advocate and recruiter. He convinced a "stamp guy" living a mere 2,700 miles on the other end of Interstate 80 to become a Life Member of the Society.

If I could pick one word to describe Michael, it would be "friend." He's never met a stranger, and you stay adopted once he's adopted you. On my annual trip to WESTPEX, I can count on celebrating his birthday, which falls every April and is always his 39th birthday. The event honors Michael and our dear friend James Laird, whom we lost far too soon. It's an evening of friends, wine, good stories, and good cheer.

We share a love of collectors and collecting, whether it's stamps, coins, or beer cans on the side of the road; it doesn't matter what you collect, but that you collect.

I congratulate my dear friend on his 50th anniversary with the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your friendship, passion, and commitment. I hope the next 50 years will be more fruitful now you've figured this out.

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Let Me Open With A 'Housecleaning Notice': Because of the solid and sure finances of our Association, these past three (3) years, during the wrecking Pandemic, has allowed for 'Dues Free Years'; 'Heads Up', for 2023 dues could be asked and appreciated. The rates would remain \$10.00 for Club Members and \$5.00 for Individual Members.

Over the past initial years of my retirement time and age, my primary volunteering----*practicing what statistics verify that half of retirees' volunteer within their respective communities*----has been at and with the local Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, here in Vallejo, California.

While not a large Museum nor as known as the esteemed San Francisco, California's and famous DeYoung, this Museum continues the primary functions of any museum or organized historical group: ***collect, preserve, and interpret, or exhibit and display.***

My time, and my limited talents, have taught me much about local heritage, the United States Navy, maritime history, and individuals that have 'paved the path into my local community's todays and its tomorrows', the latter being maybe the most profound.

But, those times, as measured in hours, and the toil within those hollow halls have enhanced my collecting ***and*** my passion for collecting.

In the simplest vane, for local tokens and exonumia, the experience has added with background, names, places, and even photographs, for Vallejo, California tokens and exonumia.

But, in a much large sense, it has taught, and instilled, these traits, all so imperative for any collecting pursuit: ***preservation, arrangement/handling, and documentation.***

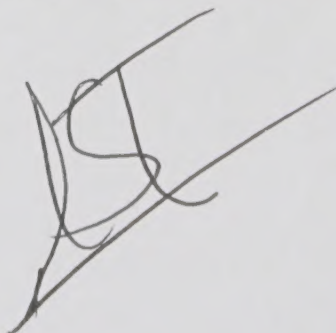
This could be anything from wearing archival cotton cloves, to acid-free and strengthen boxes, or detailed record keeping with a program as Past Perfect. Creating small exhibits has taught about titles and captions plus writing to captivate the viewer. Receiving and cataloging new additions or trying to ascertain what museums call 'FIC', 'Found In Collection', the necessary paperwork and origin. In addition, the writing of labels and tabs has advanced in detail and readability.

When one holds an artifact or turns yellowed and aged pages or views a glass negative still as crisp as the date taken, you enhance your own experience with your collections, whether, for me, it be coins or currency, stamps and covers, milk bottles, old books, and whatever crowds my den and living room.

On a far greater level, the hours and toil have ignited the passion for the past; since those metallic round objects are the center of 'world of money', my appreciation has expanded beyond grade, GREYSHEET listings, 2x2 flips, or Whitman album.

This may not seem important; however, I know these past years with the Museum----*hours and toil*----have enlightened my numismatic adventure.

'Work Hard. Play Fair. Give Back!'



Guest Commentary, Matthew L. Malvini

In 2014, something monumental happened that permanently changed my life. That year, I became close friends with Bay Area resident, Granville Goza, nicknamed 'G5'. During Freshmen year of high school, he introduced me to the hobby of numismatics. Entranced by classic American coinage, I sought out an organization where I could share my passion with fellow collectors. Alas, it didn't take long for me to discover a hidden gem, the Cupertino Coin Club. Founded in 1970, this club's sole mission has been to entice the youth. Way back in 2016, I attended my first meeting in Cupertino. At the time, I was 16 and inexperienced. Not even an hour into the meeting, I had applied to become a member. Looking back on that fateful night, it was one of the best decisions I've ever made!

Being a numismatist for eight years might not sound that impressive. After all, there are thousands of seasoned veterans who've collected for decades. However, despite being newer on the scene, I've acquired a great deal of knowledge about our hobby. Anything pertaining to coins such as grading, dye varieties, key dates, and errors has been taught to me by fellow members of the Cupertino Coin Club. Harold Woron, an avid coin hobbyist and mentor of mine has summed up our hobby perfectly, "*Coin collecting is a hobby of enjoyment.*" True aficionados partake in numismatics simply because it brings them joy. During our monthly meetings, I see the "collector at heart" brought out of each member. We share snacks, stories, and above all, we share the moment of being in the presence of so many experienced collectors.

For fifty-two years, the Cupertino Coin Club has been one of the Bay Area's go-to organizations for numismatics. After seeing continued interest in our hobby from the youth, I have no doubt that this club's legacy will continue to live on for the next fifty or even a hundred years.

2022 Dues

Our President 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan has directed that 2022 be a 'Dues Free Year'. Again, this is a consequence of the Pandemic, making any activities and events not possible. Any Individual Member or Club Member that had dues through 2020 (2021 also has been credited) shall enjoy a 'Dues Free Year' for 2022.

2022 Joint Forum

California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and
Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
NUMISMATIC EDUCATIONAL
JOINT FORUM

Saturday, November 5, 2022
Theme: 'Visiting History Via Coins'

David F. Davis, Jr., *Concord, California*
'Coin Photography'

'Glen' Lindwall, *Berkeley, California*
'What Can Coins Tell Us About History'

Kyle Knapp, *Los Angeles, California*
'Insights Into The PCGS Story'

Robert E. Luna, *Benicia, California*
'The Unknown Official United States Branch Mint'

As may be read, collectively the presenters are covering four diverse and interesting topics, *enhancing any coin hobbyist's numismatic enjoyment and education*. All are qualified and knowledgeable. **'Dave' Davis** plans to include actual demonstrations in a tutorial approach. **'Glen' Lindwall**, calling upon his Ancient Coin expertise, would emphasize what coins might teach. **Kyle Knapp** will share his experiences with PCGS and stories about actual graded coins; he replaces the unavailable Steve Feltner. **Robert E. Luna**, himself a devoted coin celebrant, would explore and inform about 'other United States Branch Mint'.

The program order is as listed with the first two in the morning hours and the latter two in the afternoon. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, with the Forum commencing at 9:30 AM.

The venue again returns to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum in downtown Vallejo, California. Also, this continues as a 'Joint Forum' with our Association and the statewide California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).

There would be Door Prizes, Goodie Bags, a possible Museum fund-raising drawing, on site simple lunch service, plus an enticement for local coin club members to attend and to stay the full event. This is a FREE event, and the attendees are welcomed to tour the Museum.

If Continued PANDEMIC or EPDEMIC: Be Aware. Having proof of vaccination and wearing a mask most likely would be mandated. Social distancing in seating would be asked, too. Extra masks and hand sanitizer would be available.

Coin Club Enticement

Each attendee who registers and remains until the closure may 'drop into a special drawing' names for two (2) northern California local coin clubs for a chance to win Silver Eagles. This is a FREE drawing, and it is encouraging attendance by local coin club members.

An attendee can designate two (2) local coin clubs **that are NCNA Coin Club Members**, however.

Again, this special drawing shall be at the end, and one must remain to the closure, leaving early would eliminate any chance.

Sidebar: As with previous gatherings at the Museum, a donation box or 'giving tree' would be available for attendees to support the local Museum and its outreach endeavors.

Joint Forum Contributors

This year's Joint Forum has been blessed with active, and avid, participation by a few dedicated northern California coin hobby stalwarts: **'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan**, our Association's President and California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Treasurer, **Donald L. Hill**, our Association's and Vallejo Numismatic Society's Secretary, **Robert E. Luna**, Past President of the Diablo (Concord/Walnut Creek, California) Numismatic Society, **Maria E. Stillwagon**, Treasurer of the aforementioned Diablo Numismatic Society, and **Fred G. van den Haak**, our Association's Second Vice-President. Each is working, as a team, toward a successful Joint Forum. In addition, well-known coin philanthropist **Alexander B. 'Xan' Chamberlain** continues his interest and generous support.

Joint Event

Again reminded, this Forum is a cooperative partnership between the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and our Association, with the primary financial support from our Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). The CSNA Board of Directors voted and endorsed supporting this 'Joint Event'. CSNA, also, funded and directed its 'southern symposia', now held in conjunction with organized coin shows around Southern California. Check calcoin.org for specifics.

2022 Patrons.

Patrons are welcomed, as follows:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

Remittance mailed to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Make remittance payable to the 'Northern California Numismatic Association' or 'NCNA'. Include your name and responding contact.

2022 Miller Medal

No written nominations were received this calendar year for this coveted Award. Nominations for the 2023 calendar year would be welcomed commencing January 2023.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410, Attention 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan' or lchanfizx@aol.com.

Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for 'Donnell Awards', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, with a *nominal donation* of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling.

Related to the esteemed 'Donnell Award' are 'Tokens of Esteem', which is an appreciation honor given to those who really devote him or her selves to local organized numismatics. 'Tokens' are a prerogative of the NCNA's President, who would welcome recommendations. These are complimentary.

Coin Show Schedule

No Coin Show Schedule has been published lately, for the obvious reason of the lack of local coin club sponsored shows. Yet, timely submission is imperative. Also, submissions must be direct to **Fred G. van den Haak**, Coin Show Schedule Coordinator, not Your Editor. He can be emailed at fredvdh@gmail.com. Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, *in gratis*.

'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's'

Our Association, with the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, has developed and seeks to regularly implement this 'youth numismatic encouragement'. The success depends on NCNA Club Members promoting this to their respective youth members.

The 'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's' has two intentions: *one*, to reward academic excellence, and *two*, entice youth into our 'world of money' with the simple premise: 'how many youngsters, or even adults, have seen and held an 'Ike Dollar' or Kennedy Half Dollar'.

Local northern California coin clubs, *who are NCNA Club Members*, are invited to contact our Association and plan to have this 'IKE's For A's/JFK's For B's' at their respected coin show or at a meeting. Promotion is the responsibility of the local coin club.

'Youth Numismatic Support'

The Fairfield Coin Club, our Northern California Numismatic Association, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society, has joined and coordinate an endeavor to encourage and to entice 'youth numismatics'. This endeavor is in the same mode and vane as the aforementioned 'IKE's For A's and JFK's For B's'.

This parcel would include a generous supply of minor foreign coins, used foreign and United States stamps, cheap magnifiers, information from the United States Mint, 'cent blanks', and whatever else. All intended for dissemination among youth. This could be done at a local coin club meeting or at a sponsored local coin club show.

Presently, **this offer is limited to the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Club Members**. With the hoped returned of local coin club shows, Your Editor might resume staffing his famous 'combination table', promoting both youth and the hobby. Contact and inquiries via EMPERORI@juno.com or write to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California'.

These are the current NCNA Club Members:

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB
DELTA COIN CLUB
DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB
FREMONT COIN CLUB
LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB
PENINSULA COIN CLUB
REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB
SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB
SAN JOSE COIN CLUB
SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB
VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB